

## Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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The Honorable Virgil H. Goode Member, U. S. House of Representatives 70 E Court St. Suite 215 Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Dear Congressman Goode:

Thank you for you letter of July 23,2002, on behalf of your constituent Frednck G. Griffin of Lynchburg, VA. Mr. Griffin includes his response to a July 6,2002, Public Notice (E.T. Docket 02-135), in which the Commission's Spectrum Policy Task Force seeks public comment on issues related to spectrum policies. The Task Force recognizes that spectrum policy issues with regards to Public Safety are very important and thus an entire section of the Public Notice was focused on Public Safety uses of spectrum.

Mr. Griffin's response focused on using a different approach for the deployment and management of communications systems for public safety. In particular, he suggested a common carrier approach with common physical facilities with existing cellular sites. The Task Force is reviewing many new concepts for addressing the unique management requirement for such systems and welcomes all new approaches. His concern with respect to cost effective solutions for local governments for implementing new interoperability standards is also well noted. The Task Force is reviewing the technical, statutory, and economic challenges for spectrum policy and will attempt to provide approaches that address the wide range of spectrum needs for the nation.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Director

Spectrum Policy Task Force